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SUMMARY: THE GOP RESUMES INTERNAL DISCUSSIONS ON LAJES
BASE NEGOTIATIONS THIS WEEK. MOTA AMARAL AND OTHER
OFFICIALS IN THE AZORES SAID THEY WANTED TO CONCLUDE A
NEW BASE AGREEMENT QUICKLY. END SUMMARY.

1. WORKING GROUP TO MEET: THE GOP WORKKNG GROUP ON
AZORES BASE NEGOTIATIONS WILL MEET THIS WEEK. THE FOREIGN
MINISTRY ASKED REGIONAL GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVE REIS
LEITE TO COME TO LISBON FOR THE MEETING.

2. OPTIMISM ON PROSPECTS: DURING FEB 21 AND 22
MEETINGS WITH AMCONSUL PONTA DELGADA AND EMBOFF,
REGIONAL GOVERNMENT PRESIDENT MOTA AMARAL AND OTHER
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REGIONAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS SAID THEY WISHED TO
CONCLUDE NEW BASE AGREEMENT QUICKLY. MOTA AMARAL AND
HIS COLLEAGUES ALSO EXPRESSED THEIR USUAL COMPLAINTS
ABOUT THE GOP'S FAILURE TO ADVANCE NEGOTIATIONS MORE
RAPIDLY. MINISTER OF THE REPUBLIC GALVAO DE FIGUEIREDO,
SAID FEB 17 THAT HE DID NOT EXPECT ANY PROBLEMS IN BASE NEGOTIATIONS.
FIGUEIREDO SAID THAT DESPITE DIFFICULTIES WHICH MIGHT ARISE

BETWEEN THE LISBON AND AZOREAN GOVERNMENTS, BOTH HAD A
STRONG INTEREST IN CONCLUDING AN AGREEMENT QUICKLY.
FIGUEIREDO FORESAW AT WORST SOME AZOREAN PRESS BICKERING
THAT THE AZOREAN RETURN FOR THE BASE HAD BEEN REDUCED
BECAUSE OF OVERALL U.S. ASSISTANCE TO THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT.
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